

# LACERTA AMBOINENSIS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* tetrapodum, caudatum, nudum.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 359.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

LACERTA cauda compressa longa, pinna caudali radiata, futura dorsali dentata.

*Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel.* p. 2064.

*Schlosser de Lacerta Amboinensi, Amst.* 1768. t. 1;

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Museorum Europæorum supellectilem rimantibus non sæpe se in conspectum dat lacerta amboinensis: nec sane rariorem continet genus. In insula Amboyna innascitur, degens ut plurimum prope aquas, sæpe etiam in ipsis aquis reperta. A Domino Schloffer multis abhinc annis accurate descripta est et icone eximia illustrata. In Museo Joannis Hunteri pulcherrimum exstat specimen. Ad longitudinem duorum pedum attingit hæc species, vel etiam majorem; et in ista generis divisione reponitur, quæ Iguanam, Basiliscum, et alias nonnullas lacertas amplectitur. Caro hujus, ut et Iguanæ, optimum habere saporem dicitur.







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THE  
AMBOINA LIZARD.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

Body four-footed, tailed, naked.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

Long-tailed variegated LIZARD, with radiated tail-fin, and dentated dorsal future.

The variegated AMBOYNA LIZARD.

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This animal is one of the rarest of the genus, and is seldom to be found in European Museums. It is a native of Amboyna, where it principally resides in watery places; and indeed is frequently found in the water. It has been accurately described by Dr. Schloffer several years ago, and the description is accompanied by an excellent figure. In the museum of Mr. John Hunter a most beautiful specimen occurs. This species grows to the length of two feet, or even more. It is of that particular tribe in the genus which contains the Guana, the Basilisk, and some others. Its flesh, like that of the Guana, is said to be excellent.